

are very few Travancoreans. Therefore the question of issue does not seem to be so important as the question of retention of those shares in Travancore.

MR. K. M. PAUL: My question was about the percentage of shares that was proposed to be taken by the Government.

PRESIDENT: This is purely a commercial company. The Government take 51 per cent. of the shares in all concerns where they want a control of policy and where they want to have a hand in the direction and management of the company. The Government do not propose to take 51 per cent. of the shares in purely commercial concerns started for profit making. This is a purely commercial concern which will be extremely profitable, but it is not one of the primal necessities of existence. The Fertilisers and Chemicals, Hydro-Electricity and Transport are of course primal necessities, but this is purely a commercial company in which Government will probably take, in order to show their support to the venture, 15 to 20 per cent. of the shares.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to say whether all further commitments in the matter will be deferred till the proposed new constitution is brought into being?

PRESIDENT: No; it will not be deferred even by two weeks.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether any of the leading rubber planters in this country have been consulted in this matter?

PRESIDENT: What is it they have got to do? Steps will be taken to purchase rubber from the rubber planters at a price which would be profitable. It will only be a commercial transaction. If the new company offers good price, the planters will sell to the company; otherwise they will sell it to somebody else.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): May I know how many Travancoreans are there in this directorate?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It has not been decided.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know whether motor cycle tyres are manufactured in the present company?

PRESIDENT: Only cycle tyres.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the concessions proposed to be given to this company have taken a definite shape?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I cannot give a very definite answer but one of the concessions will be that Government will acquire or purchase land and lease it to the company.

Labour Welfare Officers.

340. * MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam cum Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labour welfare officers in the State;

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(b) the date on which these officers were appointed and the communities to which they belong; and

(c) the stations in which these officers are posted?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (a) Three.

(b) 7th March 1946.

Muslim, Roman Catholic, Syrian, Tamil Brahmin.

(c) Quilon, Alleppey, Alwaye.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the jurisdiction of the officer appointed at Alwaye?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Travancore has been divided into three sections in order that these three people may function, and I cannot definitely say what those are. It includes Alleppey, Alwaye and Muvattupuzha.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: May I know the nature of the work of these officers?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Questions relating to the welfare of labourers. They will keep in touch with labourers, hear their complaints, meet the managements and try to rectify defects if they find any.

Cocoanut Central Committee.

341. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the names of representatives of Travancore on the Cocoanut Central Committee; and

(b) the number and the names of such representatives who were present at the meeting of the Committee held in Bangalore recently?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (a) Six, viz., Messrs:—

1. S. Krishna Aiyar, Landlord and Advocate, Kottayam.
2. G. A. Baker, Kumarakom, Kottayam.
3. A. R. Sulaiman Sait, Alleppey.
4. K. C. Karunakaran, Honorary Secretary, Travancore Chamber of Commerce, Alleppey.
5. K. R. Narayana Aiyar, Secretary to Government, Food Department.
6. Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai, Reconstruction Officer.

(b) Three, viz., Messrs:—

1. A. R. Sulaiman Sait.
2. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.
3. S. Krishna Aiyar.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*): What is the basis of the selection of these members to the Central Cocoanut Committee?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Two members are to represent the growers, two to represent the Cocoanut Oil Industry, one representing the Chamber of Commerce elected by the Chamber, and the others are Government officials.